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## Announcemer

After January 1, 1920, our grocery business will be conducted on a strictly cash basis. We feel by taking this step that we will be in a better position to give our customers better prices, saving them from five to ten per cent and at the same time giving them better service, fresher and better groceries. We expect to carry a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, all kinds of feed stuff, and for cash we will make it interesting for you.

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### The Story of Pussyfoot Johnson

"How 'Pussyfoot' Johnson, fighting gamely, was kidnapped, dragged from the platform, and carried out of the London Hall in which he was speaking by a mob of medical and other students, and was finally rescued by the police, is told by the London Daily Mail. Describing the first real prohibition 'fight' by Americans in England, the London paper says:

"The 'rag' was the outcome of a debate between Mr. Johnson on the one hand and Mr. R. Mitchell Banks, a barrister, on the other. Long before the meeting, the upper of Essex street was crowded with students from King's College, University College, and St. Bartholomew, Guy's, and St. Thomas hospitals.

"They made no secret of their intentions, a skull on a stick bore remains of 'Pussyfoot'. Every passing taxicab was held up and inspected. While a thousand students, many provided with beer bottles, were looking for him, Mr. Johnson walked unnoticed through the crowd, listened to plans to kidnap him, and entered the hall unmolested.

"Inside he met cat calls and offers of beer. He was the calmest man in the room. Smiling indulgently he trimmed his nails. 'We want Pussyfoot' drowned the chairman's voice; calls for fair play were jeered; and offered to meet the students in their neighboring tavern at opening time was hailed with yells of delight. Mr. Johnson smiled and trimmed his nails.

"You are welcome to come on the platform," thundered the chairman. A student with a stick and a Scot accent accepted, and informed the audience that Vinny was won on rum.

"Mr. Johnson, having trimmed his nails to his satisfaction, rose and beamed through his Pickwick spectacles. Out of curiosity the students heard him agree that the British control their own drink problem. Then they made every noise of which the voice is capable. Some meowed, some barked, one fat youth did a baby's howl until he was purple in the face, photographers fired flashlights, women screamed 'shame'. Mr. Johnson spoke in a quiet drawl, as if to a Sunday school. Nobody heard.

"With bags of flour and disinfecting powder the 'raggers' bombarded the platform, climbing over chairs, brandishing sticks, and bottles of beer. Shouting 'we want Pussyfoot', they stormed the platform. The battle was short and sharp. Mr. Johnson, using his six feet of height and fifteen stones of weight, laid about him lustily, aided valiantly by others on the platform. But the odds were too heavy and he was carried out of the hall, resisting every inch of the way, while women shrieked and men swore. No one in the hall was seriously hurt but many were covered with flour and disinfectant.

"Outside Exeter Hall, Mr. Johnson, pale, hatless and his jacket white with flour, was hoisted shoulder high on a stretcher and rushed at the head of a wildly excited mob of students into the Strand. A force of police was swept aside by the students using

into the main hall of King College yard and hoisted Mr. Johnson up the stone stairway, propped him against a ballustrade and ordered him to 'speak'.

"Then there was a cry of 'police' and Mr. Johnson was in the air again and carried along the corridor and down a narrow staircase into the street. Mr. Johnson was 'navigated' over the heads of the crowd towards the Strand. A combined rush broke the police cordon, and up Southampton Street into Covent garden went the students. A police attempt to get Mr. Johnson into Bow street failed. The procession, now 2,000 strong, with the intention of taking Mr. Johnson to Leicester Square, went down King street, Garrick street, and Cranbourn street. All traffic was stopped. Occasionally Mr. Johnson looked at his watch, smiled faintly, and finally accepted a proffered cigarette from one of the students.

"A force of constables made a determined rush and after a sharp fight secured Mr. Johnson from a wild outburst, more flour was thrown, policemen lost their helmets, and it looked as if Mr. Johnson and his rescuers would go underfoot. With reinforcements, the police half carrying, half dragging Mr. Johnson, got him into a private car and drove off rapidly.

"A regrettable incident just as Mr. Johnson was rescued occurred. Some one in the crowd (the students insist not one of their number) threw a stone which struck him in the right eye. He suffered extreme pain, and the specialists found on examination that the lens of the eye had been dislocated. An operation was afterwards performed. It is certain that the sight will be permanently injured."

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

### Six Reasons Why Woman Suffrage Amendment Should be Ratified

1. Keeping pace with others demands it. Suffrage for men and suffrage for women in other countries with few and minor exceptions has been granted by parliamentary act and not by referendum. Shall American women be penalized for being Americans?

2. Equal rights demands it. Men of this country have been enfranchised by various extensions of the voting privilege but in no single instance were they compelled to appeal to an electorate containing groups of unnaturalized foreigners, negroes, Indians and illiterates. Shall American women be denied the vote to foreigners?

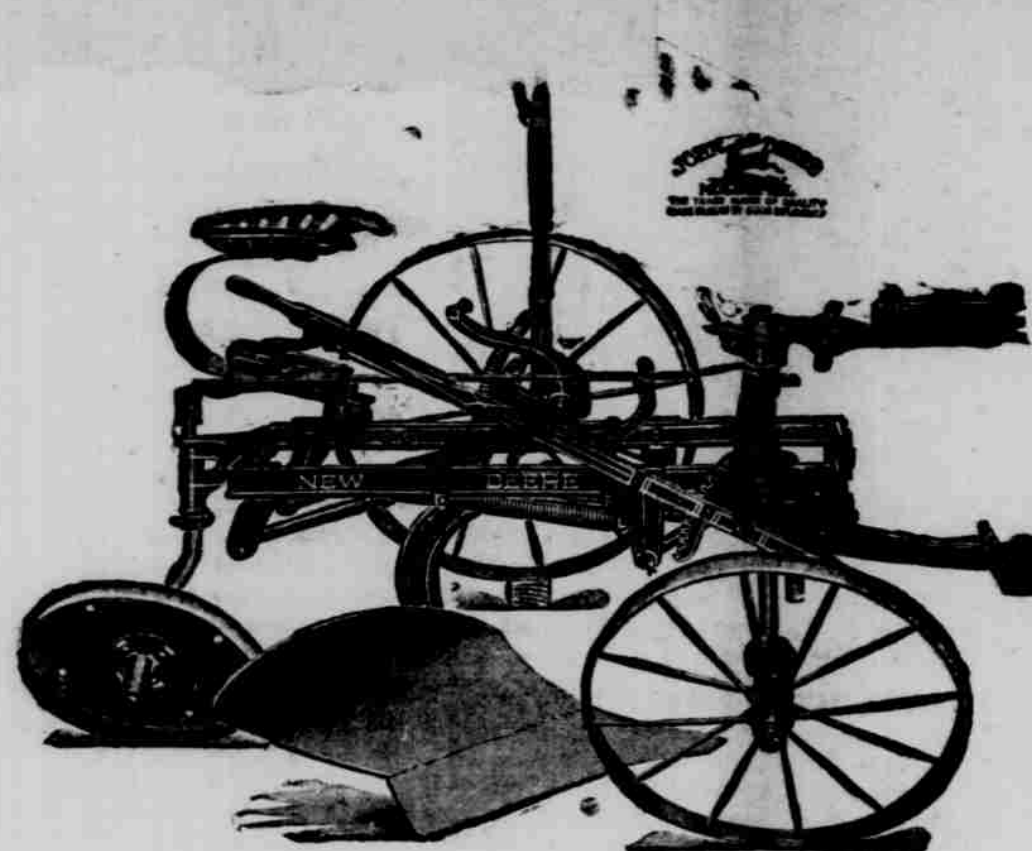
3. Relief from unjust State Constitutional obstructions demands it. Many State Constitutions have made amendment so difficult that they either have never been amended or have not been amended when the subject is in the least controversial. Women of these States can only be enfranchised through Federal action.

4. Protection from inadequate election laws demands it. The election laws of all States make inadequate provision for safeguarding the vote on constitutional amendments. There are vague uncertain laws for contesting fraudulent elections in most States and no laws at all for redress in twenty-four States.

5. Equal status of men and women voters demands it. Men's right to vote is protected by the Federal Constitution while the State by State enfranchisement of women would not give this protection to women since a woman who changes her residence from an equal suffrage State to a male suffrage State thereby becomes disfranchised.

6. The national significance of the question demands national action. If women voters help elect a President of the nation and choose a national administration, while women of other States are denied this voting privilege, do not these political inequalities render our government unrepresentative, undemocratic and unfair?

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## GERMANY UNDONE BY OWN WEAPON

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### BIG NITRATE PLANT RESULTS.

Built in Eight Months It Convinces Kaiser of His Defeat.

By GARRET SMITH.

One of the most romantic passages in the secret history of the World War is the story of how the Ordnance Department of the United States Army made it possible for America, until then utterly lacking in ammunition and in facilities for making it, to manufacture unlimited quantities of powerful explosives out of air and rock. It was largely the knowledge of this fact that forced Germany to surrender when she did.

The secret was secured from Germany herself. It was an open business transaction between business men, whereby we apparently acquired nothing more military than a process for making a high grade fertilizer known as cyanamid.

Frank Sherman Washburn, head of the group of business men who bought this process, conceived the germ of the idea in the early nineties while in South America as consulting engineer in connection with the production and shipping of Chilean nitrate of soda. Nitrogen compounds are an essential part of all commercial fertilizers. The only available natural nitrate deposits in large quantities are in Chile. This supply was diminishing, Germany, which had been taking about one-third of the Chilean nitrates, was already experimenting with processes for their artificial production. In 1907 Mr. Washburn secured in Germany the American rights of the cyanamid process which had been invented in that country.

Turning Air Into a Weapon. By this process air, which is a mixture of about four-fifths nitrogen gas and one-fifth oxygen, is placed in containers and subjected to pressure and cold until it turns to a liquid. Then the nitrogen is distilled in much the same manner as alcohol is separated from water. But before this nitrogen can be used as a fertilizer it must be combined with a chemical combination of lime and carbon known as calcium carbide, produced by burning ordinary limestone in big rotary kilns and combining it in the electric furnace with carbon supplied in the form of ordinary coke.

Cyanamid thus produced contains the elements of ammonium nitrate, one of the most powerful of modern explosives. By one process ammonia is extracted from the cyanamid. By another process nitric acid is extracted from another batch of this same cyanamid. Then the ammonia and nitric acid are combined and there you have ammonium nitrate ready for packing into shells with TNT.

There are three kinds of explosives used for bursting shells in modern warfare—TNT, picric acid and ammonium nitrate. The United States was equally deficient in raw materials and plants for manufacturing all three of these explosives. Under the best of conditions the cost of either TNT or nitric acid is about two and one-half the cost of ammonium nitrate. But the United States was wholly dependent upon Chilean nitrate of soda as a raw material for ammonium nitrate, with the exception of a small production of nitrate from the coking of coal. The Chilean supply was 4,500 miles away from New York City by way of the Panama Canal, and the route by way of the Straits of Magellan is nearly twice as long.

A Record Building Operation. Shortly after the war began in Europe the German government entered into the fixation of air nitrogen for military explosives on a vast scale. It was not, however, until the fall of 1917 that the United States government took it up.

The Ordnance Department asked Mr. Washburn's company to organize a subsidiary corporation, known as the Air Nitrates Corporation, with Mr. Washburn as president, to act as agent of the government for the construction and operation of the air nitrates plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. This corporation provided the designs, erected the equipment in the chemical plants and supervised all the other work. It also operated the camp, the town and the plant. Other work is subject to several of the best known organizations in the United States. Westinghouse, Church, Kerr Company built the plant buildings, the camp, the permanent city and utilities. The J. G. White Engineering Corporation designed and built the nitrate acid plant. The M. W. Kellogg Company furnished the piping and built the chimneys. On February 16, 1918, ground was broken, and eight months and eight days later the \$50,000,000 Muscle Shoals plant began producing ammonium nitrate. In that brief period 23,000 men had completed the plant and around it, where not a house stood before, had arisen a city of 25,000 inhabitants.

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